

Subject: "Philanthropic Society" star pin (1795)

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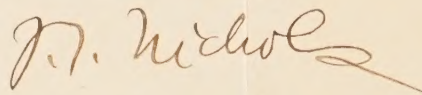
American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156 Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Greetings!

A friend and neighbor of mine finds among his father's effects an eight-pointed silver star mounted as a clasp pin, with "1795" on the front and "Philanthropic Society" on the back of it. He has no idea what it pertains to, and has consulted me in the matter. If you have any data to help us solve the problem I would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



John T. Nichols

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October 24, 1933. *

Mr. John T. Nichols
The American Museum of Natural History
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New York City.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I am sorry I cannot help you out on your Philanthropic Society medal, as I know you would do if I asked you a question about a fish. To begin with I never heard of a Society with the name Philanthropic in those days, though I have heard of Philosophical Society. Do you know if it is English or American? If it is English it probably would have some stamps on the back called "hall marks", if American probably not. The thing may possibly be Philadelphia. If so, why not drop a line to Harrold E. Gillingham, 432 West Price Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Penna.; or possibly Boston, You might take a chance and write George R. Marvin, Bostonian Society, Old State House, Boston: and of course you could try the New York Historical Society here.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator